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French 500 Yards From Fort Vaux

Forward Sweep Will Restore Original Line

Paris, October 26.—The French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantage gained by their sudden forward sweep on Tuesday, and according to the latest information, have closed in to within less than 500 yards of the original line held on February 25.

The German forces at Verdun are reacting so slowly and within such apparent lack of strength that, in the opinion of French military men, they no longer possess a general reserve, but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another section of need.

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN SUED BY IRISHMAN

New York, Oct. 24.—Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National committee, was served late today with a summons and complaint in a second suit for libel brought against him by Jeremiah A. O'Leary, one of the heads of the American Independence Conference.

The action, which is for \$100,000, is based on a statement Mr. McCormick is said to have given to the newspapers on Monday. This statement, it was asserted, was in connection with charges by the Democratic National Committee that a secret agreement was made between O'Leary and his associates and Chas. E. Hughes, Republican Presidential nominee, by which Mr. Hughes made speeches to conform to "demands" of the American Independence Conference.

O'Leary's first suit against the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee was based on a statement Mr. McCormick was said to have made concerning O'Leary after the latter had sent a telegram to President Wilson criticizing his administration. The President replied, in substance, to O'Leary that he would feel deeply mortified if O'Leary or anybody "like you voted for him".

The Democratic National Committee tonight issued its "third installment of charges involving Mr. Hughes and the American Independence Conference. What purported to be confidential committee reports were made public and were declared to "reveal in detail the secret purposes, plans and scope of the racial organization promoted by Jeremiah A. O'Leary and his associate propagandists."

Washington, Oct. 26.—One hundred and seven boys from Venezuela now have scholarships in American schools and most of them are already in this country and at their studies. U. S. Minister to Venezuela Preston McGoodwin reported today.

McGoodwin brought about the gift of the scholarships and is spending part of his vacation in this country investigating the success of the plan. He believes it will go far toward improving the understanding between the United States and Venezuela.

"Heretofore, many of the sons of wealthy Latin-Americans have received their higher education in German and French schools and few have come to this country. This is one of the contributing causes for the close commercial relations which these countries have had with South America in the past. Because of this condition, I began over a year ago to work out a scholarship system, with the assistance of the American consuls in Venezuela.

"After correspondence with 400 American institutions of higher learning, we received scholarship offers from 110 and the Venezuelan government has accepted 107 so far. The recipients of the scholarships are chosen by the minister of public in-

RUMANIANS DYNAMITE CERNAVODA BRIDGE.

STRUCTURE WAS GREATEST IN EUROPE. EXTENDED FOR DISTANCE OF 14 MILES.

Large Number Escaped Pursuing Germans, Turks and Bulgarians. Serbs and French Are Victorious in the Vicinity of Monastir, it is Reported.

London, Oct. 26.—The Rumanians today dynamited the Cernavoda bridge, which is the greatest in Europe. The act was committed following the evacuation of the city of Cernavoda, according to wireless dispatches received at Rome. The bridge spans the Danube and the adjacent marshes and is fourteen miles long.

Serbs and French Victorious. Paris, Oct. 26.—The Serbs and French were again victorious in the vicinity of Monastir, according to an official statement. The French cavalry occupies the villages of Goldsbora and Laisic and the bridges at Zveruda.

Rumanians on the Run. Berlin, Oct. 26.—Part of the routed Russian and Rumanian forces of Dobrudja have escaped into old Rumania across the Cernavoda bridge before the town of Cernavoda was captured by Mackensen's men.

Advancing in a wide circle, Mackensen's men swept forward, attempting to pin the defeated Rumanians against the Danub and complete their destruction. The main body of the enemy retreated northward, instead of crossing the Danube, keeping in touch with the troops that evacuated Constantza.

The Rumanians are stubbornly resisting Falkenhayn's forces in Transylvania. On the West Front. Paris, Oct. 26.—Bombardments occurred last night in the Vaux sector, northeast of Verdun, but no new counter attacks were made by the Germans.

RICHMOND WANTS CONGRESSMAN FROM MRS. WILSON'S DISTRICT.

Richmond, Oct. 26.—Democratic party managers have concentrated their efforts to supplant the present Republican congressman from the home district of Mrs. Wilson with a Democrat. It is the only Republican district in the state.

They are behind the candidacy of State Senator E. Lee Trinkle, from Mrs. Wilson's home town of Wytheville, to defeat Republican C. Bascom Slemp, candidate for re-election. Among those who have campaigned for Trinkle is Governor Stuart, who was himself beaten by Slemp six years ago.

Democratic candidates who expect to return to Washington are: William A. Jones, Edward E. Holland, Walter A. Watson, Andrew J. Montague, Edward W. Saunders, Carter Glass, C. C. Carlin and Hal D. Flood. Thomas W. Harrison is due to be named the successor of James Hay, who was chairman of the House military committee, and who resigned to accept appointment on the Court of Claims bench. U. S. Senator Claude A. Swanson has no opposition. He will be the first U. S. Senator chosen by direct vote in Virginia.

Construction. The son of General Gomez, president-elect of Venezuela, now in his second year at a West Point preparatory school at Morris-town, N. J., is the holder of one of them.

"Among others, one is in the agricultural college of Iowa University, one studying electrical engineering at Washington University, St. Louis, another taking the same course at Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., and one at St. John's Military Academy, Annapolis, Md. Five of the scholarship winners arrived in this country in September.

"In addition to the scholarship offer, a number of American schools are obtaining positions for young men from South America each year in commercial and industrial firms. This is for the purpose of teaching them American business and manufacturing methods.

"It is to be hoped that the same plan will be developed for young men from the other South American republics. Every man so educated and trained is sure to go back to his native land a booster for Pan-American trade."

CARRANZA'S FINAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST VILLA

(By United Press) El Paso, Oct. 26.—Emissaries of Pancho Villa have been in this city for the last few days, conferring with members of the new Mexican revolutionary party, the Legalistas, according to reports received by the United States department agents here. At least one Villista is known to have arrived here on horseback, having crossed the Rio Grande below Juarez.

At this meeting, United States authorities believe that an agreement was perfected for the bandit leader to command the field forces of the new movement. United States secret service men have already reported that there was such an agreement in effect. In return, the Legalistas are to furnish money to pay the army in silver. The new revolutionary party, in its official newspaper here, the Ellegalista, avows that the object of its formation is the accomplishment of the downfall of Carranza.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Carranza has launched a last ditch fight, the outcome of which will determine whether he can retain power, or whether he will be forced to follow his long list of predecessors in fleeing the country.

This was the interpretation placed today on official reports to the war department of the launching of a final campaign by Carranza against the Villa revolutionists in northern Mexico. Following Carranza's action in sending his wife and family, with Mrs. Obregon, wife of his secretary of war, and Mrs. Trevino, wife of the military chieftain in Chihuahua, into the United States, this new military movement took on a serious aspect.

Another indication of the seriousness of the situation Carranza faces was the provisional president in leaving Mexico City, for Queretaro, in company with General Obregon, leaving General Gonzales in Mexico to grapple with the Zapatistas, again reported to be menacing the capital, and with Felix Diaz's adherents, who are reported to have entered the federal district of Mexico, in which Mexico City is located.

SHADY, BUT THRILLING CAREER OF DARIO RESTA (United Press Staff Correspondent) New York, Oct. 26.—Dario Resta, the effacious, devil-may-care Italian driver who has hogged American auto track records and stuck his fingers into the prize money of every country where they tear around tracks in high-powered automobiles, is just taking a breathing spell.

Resta says he is getting ashamed to take the money and has promised not to enter EVERY event in the future. He's going to skip a few to give the other boys a chance.

Resta hurtled into the limelight back in 1915 when he hit the high spots in New York. Prior to that he had done a few fancy tricks for the natives in France, Italy and England, and when he hove in view of the Statue of Liberty he was well fortified with a bank roll even if he hadn't scattered records on this side.

From Italy Resta snorted his intrepid way into England and he immediately dare-deviled his way to victory in three of England's highest class events. That was in a Mercedes, but he forsook his colors to climb a Sunbeam. This had no effect on his neck-breaking speed, for he went right on smashing records and won the Grand Prix at Amiens, just before the present European war broke out.

In 1915 he again began to dream of American gold and hid himself back to the shores of the land of plenty, space and gold. He was in New York just a week and then he beat it for San Francisco, where he proceeded to win two events right in succession, the Vanderbilt cup and of up to that time. Then he went to Indianapolis and engaged in one of the grand prize, something unheard of the fiercest automobile races ever run and forced De Palma, another Italian, to the very limit to win. At Chicago he won the 500-mile event and established a new record.

Then they pulled off a challenge race at Chicago and Resta again nailed his colors to the mast first. This year has just been one victory after another, including the big events at Chicago and Indianapolis. In a championship series of races at Chicago De Palma was beaten in every event by the speedy Italian.

ASPERIN KILLS BRIDE (By United Press) Benton, Ala., Oct. 26.—Miss Rosa Dale, daughter of a prominent family here, is dead as the result of an overdose of aspirin. She passed away early this morning.

Miss Dale's engagement was announced a short while ago and she was to have been married in a fortnight.

ELECTORIAL COLLEGE VOTE BY STATES

STATISTICIAN FIGURES IT OUT

Carrying out the indications of the New York Herald's poll into the votes of electoral college, the standing of Messrs. Wilson and Hughes is as follows: Every man likes to know the truth about the real situation. This is compiled for that reason. It is not the claim of any party, but the situation from non-partisan sources:

Table with columns: State, Dem., Rep. Lists states from Alabama to Virginia with corresponding electoral college votes.

Summary table showing totals for Dem. and Rep. columns, including a 'Probable Democratic majority' of 265.

NEW YORK WILL SEND FIVE TRAIN LOADS

New York, Oct. 26.—Five train loads of Democrats from this city will go to President Wilson's summer home at Long Branch, N. J., tomorrow afternoon, the executive committee of Tammany announced.

Plans were completed for the windup of the campaign in this city, November 4, when President Wilson will make his only campaign speech here in Madison Square Garden. The parade to precede the meeting, Tammany Hall officials declare will be one of the most impressive political demonstrations the city has ever witnessed.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor announced that he would take the stump for President Wilson.

ARMY OUT OF POLITICS.

San Antonio, Oct. 26.—An official war department order warning all army officers to keep their hands off politics was received at Fort Sam Houston today. The order was signed by Secretary Baker and it caused intense indignation among the officers there.

It is customary, they said, for the president to admonish post-masters and other civil service employes to keep out of politics but it is the first time in history that such an order has been extended to include the army.

TWO BILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD RESERVE

Washington, Oct. 26.—Two billion dollars of gold reserve in the United States treasury. This mark was reached Monday, the exact figures being \$2,004,449,583.69. Two billion dollars is the largest amount of gold ever assembled in the treasury of any nation in the world at any time in history. But that is an old story; \$1,000,000,000 would mean the same thing. Gold weight 3.68 pounds to the \$1,000; \$2,004,449,583.69 in gold would, therefore, bulk up to 7,376,396 pounds, or 3,668.2 tons. Put \$15,000,000 on a freight train, and it would require 134 cars to carry the total reserve; this would mean about 33,000 pounds to a car. This number of cars, 40 feet to the car, would make a train 5,364 feet over all, without the engine, considerably over a mile in length.

In 1896, during the Cleveland administration, the treasurer of the United States had a hard time to keep the legal amount of \$100,000,000 in the treasury; one time it fell as low as \$44,563,493. The bankers of the United States had to take a hand and make voluntary deposits of gold with the government to keep the gold reserve intact. There is in the vaults of the treasury and sub-treasuries of the United States, in gold coin, \$65,989,734.22; in bullion \$1,038,659,849.47.

Eleven Dead In Quebec Fire

Farnham, Quebec, Oct. 26.—Six adults and five children at least lost their lives in a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth Hospital early today. This forenoon the ruins were still blazing and it was impossible to approach them to search for from fifteen to twenty-five persons reported missing.

The institution was managed by two buildings, one for hospital patients, the other a school for children.

CHILDREN'S BAD TEETH

Washington, Oct. 26.—A recent investigation made by the U. S. Public Health Service in connection with studies of rural school children showed that 49.3 per cent had defective teeth, 21.1 per cent had two or more missing teeth, and only 16.9 per cent had any dental attention. Over 14 per cent never used a tooth brush, 58.2 per cent used one occasionally and only 27.4 per cent used one daily.

Defective teeth reduce physical efficiency. Dirty, suppurating, snaggle-toothed mouths are responsible for many cases of heart disease, rheumatism, and other chronic affections. The children are not responsible for the neglected state of their teeth. The parent is to blame for this condition—a condition which hampers mental and physical growth and puts a permanent handicap on our future citizens. School teachers can and are doing much in calculating habits of personal cleanliness on the rural school child but this will fail of the highest accomplishment unless parents co-operate heartily and continuously. This is a duty which we owe our children.

TOBACCO RELEASED BY ENGLAND

Washington, Oct. 26.—As the result of protests by the United States Great Britain has agreed to release about \$3,000,000 worth of tobacco now tied up at Copenhagen and Rotterdam. The announcement was made by the state department following a visit from the British ambassador. The official statement of the fact says: "Officers of the department express much satisfaction over the concession given in the case."

This tobacco was held under a sudden change of ruling by Great Britain of which this government had no notice. England apparently over night issued its instructions that all tobacco should be consigned to the Netherlands Over Seas trust and by special concessions to Scandinavian concerns.

Great Work Ahead "Spiritual Unity"

The Plea Asks For Great Company Of People For Human Liberty

EPISCOPALIANS SCORE WHISKEY INTERESTS.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 26.—The House of Deputies of the Episcopal Convention now in session passed a resolution favoring nation wide prohibition, which resolution was the outcome of a memorial submitted by the Church Temperance Society.

The saloon was bitterly scored in the report of the committee which considered the memorial. This said: "Our age is witnessing vast and universal readjustment with reference to the manufacture and sale of liquor and it is generally recognized that the saloon has become more and more a menace to the best interests of our corporate and individual life."

A resolution was presented in the House of Deputies appealing to "all of the people of the church to set the example of self-control and temperance by abstaining from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, especially at public functions and social gatherings." The resolution was referred to the commission on social service.

Over Million Communicants A report showing that the church has more than 1,080,000 communicants and 5,700 clergymen were presented to the House of Deputies by the Committee on the State of the Church. Baptisms, the report showed, have increased by about 12,000 and confirmations by about 14,000 over the preceding triennium. Parishes and missions number 8,341 and the total number of church buildings is 7,310. The report added that the church controls endowments aggregating \$55,000,000, many educational and charitable institutions and has an average income of more than 20,000,000 a year. Endowments for the support of churches for the triennium totalled \$19,078,112.09, as against \$14,320,147 in 1913. Endowments for the support of bishops totalled \$4,491,037 as against \$4,626,884 given in the previous three years.

Contributions for the aid of the infirm clergy came to \$3,295,052 and for other purposes endowments totalling \$28,063,411 were given. Sittings in the triennium just ended totalled 1,504,890, an increase of 194,672 over the triennium ended in 1913. Church hospitals accounted for in the report number 135 as against 79 accounted for in 1913.

A commission was appointed today to make an investigation of the spiritual and economic problems of rural communities and to report in Detroit in 1919. The house of Deputies also took steps to appoint a committee of three clergymen and three laymen to gather statistics concerning the number of communicants and the number of baptized persons in the church.

The world is no longer to be styled "miserable and naughty" in the prayer book, the Lower House decreed when it substituted "sinful" for the phrase in Commendatory prayer which was objected to on the ground that it is archaic.

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GREAT CROWDS CONTINUE TO GREET HIM ALONG ROUTE TO CINCINNATI TODAY.

Is Greatly Pleased With the Ovations That Have Been Given Him on This and on Past Trips Throughout Various Parts of the Country.

(By United Press) Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—President Wilson speaking at Cincinnati reception to him at the Chamber of Commerce here today urged the need for "spiritual unity" on the part of the people of the United States to prepare a greater work ahead of the nation.

"There are a great many things Ohio reminds one that are the essence of American life" said the President. "Therefore, whenever I come to Ohio some of the zest of the history of America gets in my blood. There is no zest in monopoly. The real zest is to feel that you are a part of a great monopoly of people working for human liberty."

"The problem now is to have a spiritual bond of unity joining us from coast to coast. "Every man has the task of believing in himself what he would have the whole world believe in tasks are to be much greater in the future."

"We have got to make a team of ourselves and pull the great chariot in which rides the statue of liberty."

The president held a reception in the Chamber of Commerce after his address. The President's program included four speeches, a reception, a lunch, a dinner, and an automobile ride.

Arrangements for his entertainment were made by the Non-Partisan City Club. Mayor George welcomed him.

VIRGINIAN MAGNATE SAYS "WILSON WINS".

Richmond, Va., Oct. 26.—Thomas F. Ryan, of New York and Virginia, here today on his way to his country home in Nelson county, made the declaration in an interview with a newspaperman that "Wilson will be elected without the vote of New York State," but would not say that Wilson did not have a good chance to carry that state.

Mr. Ryan has been travelling much in the west and insists that Wilson will sweep the country from Ohio north and west to the coast.

MORE BLACKMAILERS WILL BE ARRESTED

New York, Oct. 26.—Another roundup of men and women involved in the activity of the "million dollar blackmail syndicate" will be made by government agents within a few days.

Valuable information has been given the department of justice to eight months in the Atlanta penitentiary yesterday by Federal Judge Sheppard. French was one of the inner circle of the "social gangsters." He was in a position to be of valuable assistance to the government. He was won over by judicious argument and the result will be landing of a dozen more criminals in the government net.

(By United Press) Washington, Oct. 26.—Johnson, Virginia's candidate for the Senate, today filed his expense account with the senate as "nothing."

He stated that he had not spent a cent on his campaign for re-election.